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To: All Parties in EB-2019-0082

**Re: EB-2019-0082 Hydro One Networks Inc. 2020-2022 Transmission Custom Incentive Rate-Setting Application  
Proposed Adoption of Certain Evidence from EB-2018-0218**

On June 28, 2019, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a letter related to the proposed adoption of certain evidence from EB-2018-0218 into the current proceeding. In its letter, the OEB proposed to adopt the evidence from EB-2018-0028 listed in Attachment A to the letter, pertaining to econometric analyses on productivity and total cost benchmarking by Power Systems Engineering, Inc. (PSE) and Pacific Economics Group Research LLP (PEG).

On July 2, 2019, Hydro One responded to the OEB's letter and expressed its agreement that the OEB's proposal would avoid duplication of the record and save time, effort and costs. Hydro One stated that it consented to the adoption of the evidence listed in Attachment A of the OEB's letter subject to the two following points:

1. Hydro One will be relying on the PSE report dated January 24, 2019 as filed in this proceeding (the 2019 PSE Report), rather than the earlier report filed in EB-2018-0218. Hydro One stated that this was because, as noted in the OEB's letter, the 2019 PSE Report contains certain updates and changes, as identified in the 2019 PSE Report; and
2. That the evidence in EB-2018-0218, listed in Attachment A to the OEB's letter, be adopted only to the extent it remains relevant in this proceeding. Hydro One requested that if necessary and at the appropriate time, the parties in this proceeding be provided with an opportunity to make submissions as to the relevance of any of the particular listed items of evidence in EB-2018-0028 to the current proceeding.

The OEB finds that the two suggestions made by Hydro One in its July 2, 2019 letter to the OEB are reasonable. Regarding the second suggestion, the OEB expects the parties to discuss and agree, if possible, on which of the evidence items from EB-2018-0218, which are listed in Attachment A to the OEB's June 28, 2019 letter, are relevant and should be adopted in the current proceeding. This discussion may take place during the time allotted to the technical conference (but not part of the transcribed technical conference) and/or as part of the discussion regarding the issues list. OEB staff is to inform the OEB about the results of this discussion as part of the issues list submission which is due August 20th, 2019.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary